

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: Sept 21, 2005

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☒

Department: Neugent

Staff Contact Person: T. Marble \_\_\_\_\_

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:**

Approval of a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, endorsing the 11-mile elevated "Skyway over the Everglades" (Tamiami Trail) alternative in the modified waters delivery project.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:**

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**TOTAL COST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUDGETED:** Yes ☐ No ☐

**COST TO COUNTY:** NA

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty X OMB/Purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Management \_\_\_\_\_

**DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:** George R. Neugent  
(TYPE NAME HERE)

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included x Not Required \_\_\_\_\_

**DISPOSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENDA ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO.     - 2005**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
ENDORING THE 11-MILE ELEVATED "SKYWAY  
OVER THE EVERGLADES" (TAMIAMI TRAIL)  
ALTERNATIVE IN THE MODIFIED WATERS  
DELIVERY PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS,** Monroe County supports the restoration of America's Everglades, and

**WHEREAS,** the 70 mile two-lane stretch of Tamiami Trail that links east and west coasts of South Florida from Miami to Naples cuts through the heart of the Everglades, interrupting the natural flow of water to America's most threatened wetlands wilderness, and

**WHEREAS,** Monroe County recognizes that in order to protect and enhance the natural flow of water to the Everglades and Florida Bay, the Tamiami Trail, built in 1928, must be transformed into a modern "skyway", an environmentally sound elevated roadway that would allow unrestricted flow and restoration to Shark River Slough, the central artery of the Everglades, and

**WHEREAS,** an alternative project has been proposed to build a "skyway" over the 11-mile stretch with the most critical significance to restoration of the water flow; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed 11-mile "skyway" would be similar to what has been built in Louisiana, where visitors to its majestic bayous can proudly view these natural treasures on elevated highways while imposing minimal impact on water flow and wildlife movement, and

**WHEREAS,** in 2001, the Science Coordination Team of the South Florida Restoration Task Force recommended in a consensus letter to the Army Corp of Engineers that the preferred alternative is to raise the entire 11-mile section and stated that only by building the "skyway" could full restoration be achieved, and

**WHEREAS,** the 11-mile "*Skyway Over the Everglades*" would provide a substantial economic benefit to Monroe County by promoting international tourism;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, that:

**SECTION 1:** Monroe County hereby recommends that the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers choose the preferred environmental alternative, an 11-mile elevated skyway over Tamiami Trail in the Modified Waters Delivery Project.

**SECTION 2:** The County Administrator send a letter within thirty (30) days to the Corp of Engineers recommending the 11-mile Skyway alternative.

SECTION 3: Monroe County deliver a letter, through its representative, to the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Operation (MPO) endorsing the 11-mile Skyway.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida at a regular meeting of said Board on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, A.D., 2005.

Mayor Dixie M. Spehar \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Pro Tem Charles "Sonny" McCoy \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Murray Nelson \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner George Neugent \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner David Rice \_\_\_\_\_

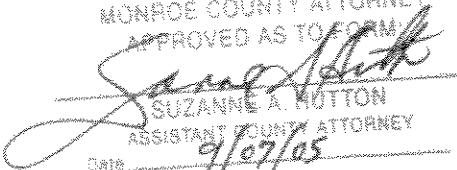
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST: Danny L. Kolhage, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Dixie M. Spehar

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY  
APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
SUZANNE A. MUTTON  
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
DATE 9/07/05